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Gridley et al.

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RETREAD TIRE

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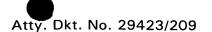
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-98 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner such that it may be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. A copy of the reference is enclosed.

Applicants further wish the Examiner to note that a total of four related applications, to be commonly assigned, were filed on January 27, 2000. The titles of the applications are as follows:

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETREADING TIRES," for which the inventor is Gridley et al. (Atty. Dkt. No. 29423/207);

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING CUSHION GUM ON A TIRE CASING," for which the inventor is Daugherty et al. (Atty. Dkt. No. 29423/208);

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING TIRE TREAD FOR A RETREAD TIRE," for which the inventor is Gridley et al. (Atty. Dkt. No. 29423/209); and



"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING TIRE TREAD FOR A RETREAD TIRE," for which the inventor is Daugherty et al. (Atty. Dkt. No. 29423/210).

Respectfully submitted,

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